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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SUZUKI et al.) Art Unit 2186
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For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND REMOTE)
COPYING CONTROL METHOD FOR)
DISK ARRAY DEVICE)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined hereinbelow: